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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6422**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 110**

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 3, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 2, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Child Care Ministries and Step Ahead Councils.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides certain standards that a child care provider that receives a child care development voucher must meet. The bill specifies that a local Step Ahead Council may not require child care ministries to meet additional standards unless those additional standards are approved by the General Assembly or the Division of Family and Children.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill stipulates that a local Step Ahead Council may not require a child care ministry, a state license-exempt child care provider class, to meet standards in addition to those specified in the bill unless those standards are approved by the General Assembly or the Division of Family and Children. The bill adds three items to the list of minimum standards recommended by the Division of Family and Children. The additional items are: (1) the provision of a working telephone; (2) to document and conduct monthly fire drills; and (3) to ensure that firearms, ammunition, chemicals, bleach, and cleaning materials are not accessible to children. All child care providers, regardless of licensure status, must comply with all eight standards in order to be a certified provider in the Child Care and Development Fund voucher program. If the provider chooses not to accept the requirements, the provider is not eligible to receive federal subsidy payments.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** The Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local Step Ahead Councils.

**Information Sources:** Susan Preble, FSSA Legislative Liaison (232-1149).